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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*Group:* 1631*Confirmation
No.:**Application No.:* 09/533,466

Invention: USE OF CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF
 BACTERIAL IMP DEHYDROGENASE
 TO DESIGN INHIBITORS OF
 BACTERIAL GROWTH
 (New Title: CRYSTALS, MOLECULAR
 COMPLEXES, AND METHODS OF
 DEVELOPING LEAD COMPOUNDS
 FOR INHIBITORS OF BACTERIAL
 IMPDH)

Applicant: Frank Collart *et al.**Filed:* March 23, 2000*Attorney
Docket:* 21416/90042*Examiner:* A. MarschelCertificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED NOVEMBER 5, 2003 AND INTERVIEW OF JANUARY 15, 2004**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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 Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2003 and the Interview of January 15, 2004, applicants' request that the following amendments are entered and the following remarks are considered.

A petition for a one month extension of time until March 5, 2004, is filed concurrently with the required fee.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this response.